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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1 - 18 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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 the claims:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* 1 - 3 received by this Authority on 19.08.2005
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 the drawings:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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 a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**Documents cited in the International Search Report:**

D1: US5234750

D2: JP2002240848

The cited documents represent the general state of the art. The invention defined in claims 1- 18 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed material for packaging purposes with a layer comprising vitamin E in a concentration of at least 700 ppm for preventing oxidation of the packaging object. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1- 18 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

CLAIMS

1. A material for packaging purposes comprising a first layer which comprises a polymer material, wherein said first layer has a first surface intended to be turned towards a packaging object, characterized in that said first layer comprises one or more compounds having the activity of "vitamin E" in a total concentration of at least 700 ppm for preventing oxidation of the packaging object.

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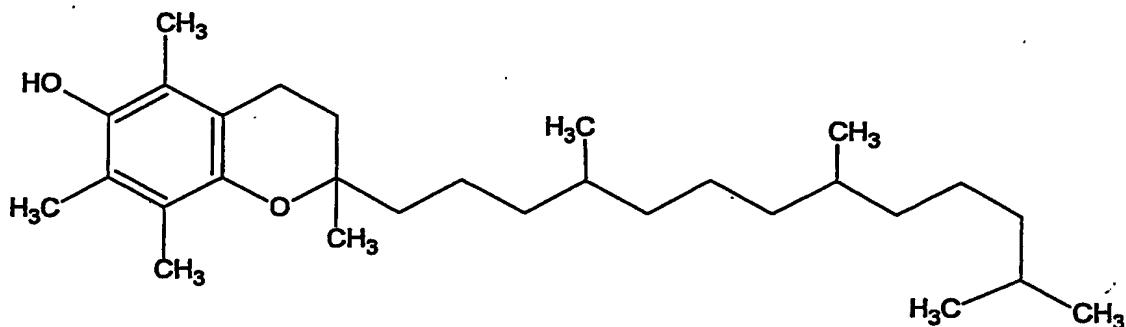
2. A material according to claim 1, wherein said total concentration is at least 5000 ppm.

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3. A material according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said total concentration is at least 10000 ppm.

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4. A material according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said one or more compounds having the activity of "vitamin E" is α -tocopherol according to formula (1),



(1)

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wherein by α -tocopherol according to formula (1) it is meant compounds selected from dl- α -tocopherol, d- α -tocopherol and all other stereoisomers of α -tocopherol.

5. A material according to any the preceding claims, wherein the material comprises a second layer which is a strengthening layer and/or a third layer which

25 exhibits heat resistance.

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6. A material according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the material comprises a material combination which gives a barrier and heat resistance, and the material combination may comprise a barrier layer.

5 7. A material according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the material comprises further layer/s comprising said polymer material.

8. A material according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said polymer material comprises polyolefin and/or polyester based polymers, for 10 example, polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP), amorphous polyethylene terephthalate (APET), polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polycarbonate (PC) and/or other layer, which gives strength and heat resistance or only heat resistance.

9. A material according to any of claims 5-8, wherein said second layer 15 and/or said third layer, independently of each other, comprise OPET, OPA, oriented polypropylene (OPP), amorphous polyethylene terephthalate (APET) or polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

10. A material according to any of claims 5-9, wherein said third layer has 20 been formed by using methods such as crosslinking or by use of high temperature melting polymers or protective lacquers.

11. A material according to any of claims 5-10, wherein said barrier layer comprises copolymer of ethylene and vinyl alcohol (EVOH), polyvinyl alcohol 25 (PVOH), polyvinyl dichloride (PVDC) or vacuum deposited barrier layer.

12. A material according to any of the preceding claims, wherein any layer/s and/or barrier layer/s are bonded together by use of a means for adhesion.

30 13. A material according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the total thickness of the material varies between 12 µm and 400 µm.

14. A material according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said polymer material is sealable.

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15. A material according to any of the claims 1-13, wherein said material is for packaging of liquid packaging objects, for example, beer, wine or fruit juice.

5 16. A method for preparing a material according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said method comprises formation of said first layer and formation of said material comprising further layer/s and/or barrier layer/s.

17. A method for packaging, wherein a material according to any of claims
10 1-15 is used in said method.

18. Package, wherein a material according to any of claims 1-15 is comprised in said package.